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"The faculty support I received [at Furman] through my research and through the classes I took prepared me beyond measure. They took the time to meet outside of class and invest in me. I even breezed through some of my early classes at vet school because I was so prepared."

— BRITT CARR '08. AT VIRGINIA TECH SHE RECEIVED THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD FOR THE VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE WHEN SHE GRADUATED IN MAY. SHE IS NOW COMPLETING AN INTERNSHIP IN LOS ANGELES.

"Discourse is not about winning. Discourse is about recognizing that we are all travelers on the same road, even if we fail to agree on where that road is going or where we are on it. Discourse is about getting somewhere, arriving at constructive compromises, having conversations, opening ourselves to other people in the good faith that they will open up to us."

— JACOB ZIMMERMAN '14, *PALADIN* OPINIONS EDITOR, IN AN AUGUST 24 EDITORIAL.

"As much as you hate it when everyone tells you you're going to change after you have kids, you have another set of priorities. When you lose, your kids don't care. They just run up to you. Our kids, thank goodness, are really flexible. They just go with the flow. I think they like the chaos a little bit."

— MICHELLE YOUNG, FURMAN VOLLEYBALL COACH AND MOTHER OF THREE, ON HOW SHE AND HER HUSBAND WILL, A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH, BALANCE THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES.



"Our partisanship has gone beyond the usual give and take. Compromise seems to be a dirty word in American politics . . . Before cable and Internet, we were a mass audience sharing a common experience. Now there are few mass events in our lives anymore. We live in a world of niches. While there's so much more information, there's also less cohesion."

— JEFFREY BROWN, CO-ANCHOR AND SENIOR CORRESPONDENT OF "PBS NEWSHOUR," IN A CAMPUS TALK ON "THE PUBLIC VOICE IN A DIVIDED AMERICA."

"Jews, Christians, and Muslims do certainly have different beliefs on many particular issues of theology, but are united in their understanding that God is a God of love, compassionate and merciful, and not a God of hatred and murder."

— RELIGION PROFESSOR ALFONS TEIPEN, IN A *GREENVILLE NEWS* EDITORIAL ON THE YOUTUBE VIDEO THAT SET OFF DEMONSTRATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN SEPTEMBER.

"I feel like my passion and my purpose is beyond just soccer. I feel I can use soccer as a platform to reach a lot of people, and I feel like I've been given an ability to communicate with younger students and help them realize their passion and purpose in life."

— WALKER ZIMMERMAN '14, MEMBER OF THE U.S. UNDER 20 SOCCER TEAM, IN THE *GREENVILLE NEWS*. HE HOPES FOR A CAREER IN MOTIVATIONAL AND PUBLIC SPEAKING.

"The only details I worry about are the ones I haven't thought of. Those are the scary ones."

— BOB MILLER, DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY POLICE AT FURMAN SINCE 1978, WHO IS RETIRING AT THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

"I want students to have a better understanding of what cancer really is, what really causes it, and to be able to better relate to people with the disease. Making science more accessible is a hurdle we have to cross a lot of times."

— RENEE CHOSD, BIOLOGY PROFESSOR, ON HER FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR TITLED "BIOLOGY, CANCER AND BEYOND."